

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Building 5110 Inventory Number: HA-2164
Address: S. of Pistol Road, Aberdeen Area, U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen
Proving Ground (APG) Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: APG Zip Code: 21005-5001 County: Harford
USGS Quadrangle(s): Perryman
Property Owner: U.S. Army Garrison, APG Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
Project: Repairs to Bldg. 5110 Agency: U.S. Army Garrison, APG
Agency Prepared By: R.C. Goodwin & Associates
Preparer's Name: Dean Doerrfeld & Roger Cuiffo Date Prepared: 12/15/2009
Documentation is presented in: _____
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Building 5110 was constructed in 1956 as an Ammunition Training and Renovation Shop. The one-story building originally contained two class rooms, one restroom, a reassembly area, a disassembly area, a powder weighing-reloading area, a fuse removal room, and a cartridge case repair area (APG, DPW drawings files, real property records). Located to the north of the building were various training courses that included a rifle range, an infiltration course, a small arms firing course, and a combat in cities course.

The building is a five bay, masonry structure. Each bay is defined by a cast concrete wall extending above the roofline of the building. Wall surfaces between these walls are a mix of concrete masonry units, modern overhead doors, and replacement windows. Fenestration of the façade, which is oriented to the northeast, includes replacement windows in the two left bays, overhead doors with metal infill in the central bay, and pedestrian doors in the rightmost bays. A glass block section of the right-hand bay defines an office area. The office space and doors are sheltered by a shed roofed metal porch that is supported by metal posts.

An addition (ca. 1993) to the left of the building features modern, concrete masonry units with a polychromatic finish of alternating bands of grey and yellow. A ribbon of three light windows illuminates the addition. The rear elevation of the building also

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exhibits modern doors and windows with the glass block office area of the northwest portion of the building repeated. A trapezoidal firing barricade lies at the southwestern corner of the rear wall. The building is covered by a shallow-pitched gable roof and modern ventilation equipment lies along the ridge.

Early in the 1960s, the building use was changed from an ammunition renovation shop to an applied instruction building under the Ordnance Center and School. Building site plan drawings dated December 1960 indicated the following: "no explosives to be used in this building." In June 1962, the building was renovated and all exterior sash windows were removed and glass block windows were installed; glass block partitions were also installed on the interior of the building (Aberdeen Proving Ground, DPW, Real property Records).

In 1986, the Commander, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School released Building 5110 for reassignment. The building was assigned at that time to the APG Environmental Management Office, Directorate of Engineering and Housing for storage of hazardous waste (Memo December 8, 1986, APG, DPW, real property records)). In 1991, Building 5110 was assigned to the APG's Aberdeen Area Maintenance Branch, Buildings, Ground and Utilities, for use as a pesticide facility (APG real property records, memo dated March 6, 1991).

When the building was changed to the pesticide facility, renovations to the building were needed. In ca. 1991, the west end of the building was removed and a mixing room, two offices, two restrooms, two storage rooms and a break room were installed (APG, DPW, real property records). A 12' x 12' addition was constructed in ca. 1993 for use as an office area. Also in 1996, a canopy was installed on the west end of the building when that portion was gutted and remodeled. The building currently serves as an entomology facility, storage facility, and general administration office space.

Building 5110 was evaluated against National Register guidelines to determine if it retained those qualities of significance and integrity to merit further consideration for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). This building has minimal association with ordnance testing and training at APG (Criterion A); research did not reveal any associations with individuals important in Cold War history (Criterion B); and, the building does not possess the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction (Criterion C). This structure does not possess the qualities of significance or integrity to qualify for listing in the NRHP.

References

Aberdeen Proving Ground

n.d.Real property records and drawing files on file at Directorate of Public Works, APG, Maryland.

Goodwin & Associates, Inc., R. Christopher

2008Aberdeen Proving Ground Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan. Prepared for Weston Solutions, Inc.

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